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Nevada's Immunization Program Receives \$938,606 Award

Activities will focus on adult immunizations

Carson City – The Division of Public and Behavioral Health's (DPBH) Immunization Program is one of ten awardees of a new Prevention and Public Health Fund (PPHF) award from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The application process was competitive, and Immunization Program leadership is excited to announce that Nevada will receive \$938,606 to focus on comprehensive efforts to increase adult immunization rates across the state.

Immunization Program Manager, Karissa Loper said, "The funding will be used to educate a variety of provider types that treat and serve adults specifically and will be used to create a network of healthcare providers statewide that are actively vaccinating adults."

This is a two year project, which will encompass creating an Adult Immunization Task Force, and will include a variety of collaborations with pharmacies, community health centers, local health authorities and healthcare providers.

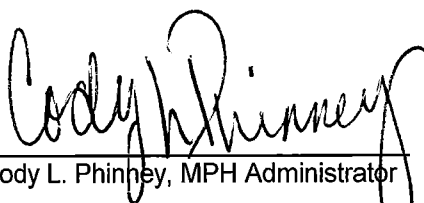
The program will also subgrant some of the award to Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD). Immunize Nevada, the statewide non-profit coalition, will receive a subgrant to manage the task force and to arrange the Adult Immunization Summit set for Fall 2016.

Nevada adults persistently encounter barriers in receiving their immunizations. Some of those barriers include the limited awareness of the need for vaccines as an adult, limited incorporation of vaccination into routine patient care by adult providers and limited use of DPBH's NV WebIZ information system by adult providers.

Other awardees were Arizona, California, Michigan, Missouri, New Hampshire, New York City, Philadelphia, Texas and Wisconsin.

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